

SAN ANGELO OIL COMPANIES BUSY

Many Concerns Erect Derricks and Begin Development Near City.

From San Angelo, Tex., comes the following development news:
At Garden City has been organized the Glascock County Oil association, with a capitalization of \$200,000, to develop holdings aggregating 40,000 acres.

The Texas Producers' company is to drill the first well in Glascock county. The derrick is up on the Brunson ranch of 15,000 acres, which has been leased. Drilling is to be commenced by June 1 on the A. L. Houston ranch of 10,000 acres.

Dallas Company in Field.
The Spillman Oil company, of Dallas, Tex., has machinery coming from California to Mexico for the first well in Irion county, Texas. A location is soon to be made. Contract for the derrick has been let and the plan is to drill a 4000 foot well if that depth should be found necessary. Last, J. P. Bentley, geologist for this company, has finished the field work. The Texas-Elliott syndicate has the well on the Richardson ranch in Sterling county, Texas, below 1700 feet.

IMMENSE GAS WELL FOUND EAST OF SANTA ANA, TEXAS

The Schumacher No. 2, brought in by Root & Ramsey, three miles east of Santa Ana, Tex., as an immense gas well. It is believed that it will be as big as the No. 1, which is producing about 1,000,000 feet of gas and oil a day, as soon as the former can be cased and drilled deeper into the sand.

The Gladys Belle Co.'s No. 1, which had a fire recently, is now pumping 200 barrels with the casing collapsed and a string of tools in the well.

WILL TEST SAND.
On the J. C. Stephenson farm, near Cotulla, Wise county, Texas, the Union Oil association had a showing last Monday of black oil. The sanding was being set so as to test the sand.



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Well Is Sunk Deeper, Gives Big Oil Flow

Drilling Deeper Is To Be Tried on Other Wells In Oil Region.

Dallas, Tex., March 26.—The Knowles well, near De Leon, Tex., was drilled deeper Wednesday and responded with 10,000 barrels per day. The drilling deeper proposition is causing much discussion in oil circles. This is the third well that responded with a massive flow after being drilled deeper. Much oil is being lost at Ranger because of lack of storage.

Efforts are being made to hold back production as much as possible until storage can be obtained. Preparations are being made to drill the Magnolia Petroleum T. W. (Connellie) deeper. It is expected that this well will be the fourth drilled deeper monitor producer.

The Southwestern Oil company well on the Zala Lynn tract in Comanche county, is on the sand. The Norwood well at Ranger is making 15,000 barrels, which is a slight increase over a week ago. A dash of oil from the well Wednesday about noon, a flow tank and hundreds of barrels of oil were lost. The Carver well, the other drilled-deeper producer, is making 1000 barrels per day.

Wardwell No. 1, near Wichita Falls, came in Wednesday night with 500 barrels, according to a report.

FRANKLIN COMPANY BEGINS DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY

The Franklin Oil and Gas Co. is expecting promising developments from its Jarvis well in Garth county, Tex., which was down 2400 feet in the black lime last Monday. This company has a well on the Thorne Circle ranch, in the same county. This well is down over 250 feet. Not far from the Jarvis well mentioned, this company has a well just spudded in.

WILL DRILL WELLS.
The Big Three Oil company's wells Nos. 4 and 5, in the Burk Burnett township in Wichita county, Texas, are ready to be drilled. The company's No. 6, in the same town, is down 280 feet.

BIG WAGGONER RANCH LEASED

One of the Biggest Oil Deals in the State Is Consummated.

El Paso, Tex., March 26.—The biggest single deal in the oil history of the state is said to be the one involving 200,000 acres of Texas lands known as Q. L. and E. P. Waggoner ranches. These ranches comprise about 100,000 acres of land, each in the heart of the Elberta oil fields. They are a part of the famous Waggoner ranches and adjoin the Jesse held by the Texas company on the W. T. Waggoner ranch.

It is the intention of the House Oil Refining company to begin development at once of this property in order to provide oil for its new 3000-barrel refinery, which is now being built in El Paso.

The House Oil Refining company was recently incorporated for \$5,000,000 under the laws of Texas to operate refineries in El Paso and elsewhere. This company now has in operation a refinery at Yale, Okla., with a capacity of 2000 barrels per day. The combined capacity of the Yale and El Paso plants will be 3000 barrels per day.

Will Pecos Be The Next Big Oil Field? Some Reasons Why It May

By W. W. BRIDGES.

WILL Pecos be the next big oil field? If so, it will be El Paso's own, to all intents and purposes. If so, El Paso will be in need of several new hotels, and big ones, too. Because, if Pecos is going to be an oil field at all, it is not going to be a little, lazy, seeping oil field. It is going to be a gushing, spouting, rip-roaring oil field.

Pecos is already a little oil field. For many years the cowmen in numerous Pecos localities have been producing enough oil from their wells to all the windmills that pump water into the tanks where steers slake their thirst. For many years oil from these wells has been sold in Pecos stores to the stockmen for various purposes to which grease is put to on a ranch.

The Beginning.
Several years ago a lawyer-stockman, who owned a number of sections of land near Pecos, picked up a rock that was strongly impregnated with sulphur. He smelted it, and looked about. He saw that there were many such rocks upon his broad acres, but gave no particular thought to the subject.

In the course of a few days an industrial agent of the Texas & Pacific railroad happened into the lawyer's office, picked up the rock, and asked some questions about it. He smelted it and remarked that it contained sulphur. Said the industrial agent to the lawyer-stockman:

"I know a little man down in Louisiana who is a crank on the subject of sulphur; suppose I bring him out here and have him look the country over?"

"Go to it," indifferently said the lawyer-stockman. A few weeks later the lawyer-stockman saw the Louisiana lawyer crank on an automobile ride and carried him out to his grazing land. Passing a certain barren area the newcomer who was a small and somewhat haughty individual, asked that he be permitted to get out of the car and look the land over. The lawyer-stockman was in total ignorance of this.

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Archer County Being Developed By Prospectors

Large Number Of Wells Being Sunk In That Section, Wichita Reports.

Wichita Falls, Tex., reports are that there is considerable activity in the way of development in the east side of Archer county and there are seven deep and two shallow tests drilling or starting to drill. The Luna Oil company is getting materials at the site on survey 43 miles east of Windthorst, and the Ashton Oil company is preparing for a deep test on the Coleman ranch northeast of the same town.

The Scaling company has let the contract for a test on the H. T. & B. survey, four miles east of Windthorst. A rig is placed on the I. & G. N. survey No. 1 on the line of Archer and the Scaling company is under way on the Cowan ranch, southeast of Archer city. These tests are outside of the Pecos. Part and holder wells in the northern part of Archer county.

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day who will take you aside and confidentially whisper to you that there is nothing at Pecos; that he knows, and sometimes he will tell you why he knows, and sometimes he will promise to tell you some other time. Wise men, however, are thinking very seriously of Pecos.

Pennsylvania Sand At High School
Maybe there will be a center in the high school yard some of these days. Nobody can say. Oil sand is there. Some of it was found yesterday in some excavation in progress in the rear of the high school building and the sand is said to be typical "Pennsylvania sand," as good as any found in the Ranger field. As yet the pupils of the school have not sold their names to the claim of a well in the back yard of the school, but just the same, the find is interesting.

What it was in the landscape that he guest could possibly be interested in, but stopped the car and let his man out. The sulphur crank was gone for an hour. Meanwhile the lawyer-stockman sat in the car and impatiently smoked cigarettes. That evening the man from Louisiana said to the lawyer-stockman: "I'll tell you what I will do, Mr. Howard, I will give you \$10,000 for a mineral right in your land, if you will give me a lease."

Mr. Howard looked in astonishment at the man; then he replied: "Partly, you have been something, and I'm selling it to you."

Exploring for Oil.
It was a long time the papers were drawn in due form.

That was the beginning of a mutual friendship between the two men, and the beginning of the latest exploration for oil in the Pecos country.

The land which the man from Louisiana looked over on his visit to Pecos is oil land, as well as sulphur land. The Louisiana man was a geologist; he said he had studied the oil fields of the world, and he was certain about getting oil in the Pecos field. If the man who paid him \$10,000 for the mineral leases mentioned, and who was generous enough to add a royalty to the lease, he would be a fool and doesn't know what he is doing, that he himself can afford to be a fool and sink what he has in the enterprise.

The Right Geology.
Will Pecos be the next big oil field? Every geologist who has studied the field has predicted that it will be one of the big fields. Some of the geologists think privately, but do not proclaim it, that Pecos will be one of the greatest oil fields in the world. No geologist has ever reported unfavorably on this field; and geologists after geologists, from 1840 on down to the present day, has voluntarily pointed to the Pecos field as bearing geological indications of oil in great quantities.

Technical geological terms and indications mean but little if anything to the average man; but the eye of the geologist often sees these evidences at a glance.

Three men were riding on the train through what is now the Eastland Ranger field. One of them sat facing the other two. The man who faced these two glanced out of the car window, just after the train had left Eastland.

"There is an oil field," he exclaimed; and he said to the industrial agent: "Get off at the next station and go back to Eastland as soon as you can get there; obtain leases on as much land in this country as you can, and it will make you rich."

It was only a few months later that this field was pouring out its golden wealth.

Skeptical of Home Things.
In the Ranger field, in many others, even after tests have been verified, great difficulty was experienced in procuring capital. These men whose business is that of the production of oil, and other minerals, had little faith in the possibilities in the oil wealth of this country. There existed at Eastland and in its contiguous territory the same skepticism that has cost many men a fortune. It will ever be so; and it is a peculiar trait of human nature that man who has lived and walked over all their lives are generally the last to believe that it is there.

It is most generally some far distant field that the average man believes in. It is always the other bank of the river that seems most inviting.

What evidence will now be required to convince the people of El Paso? El Paso is more interested in the possibilities of the Pecos field, or should be, than any other city in the country. An oil field at Pecos will more directly benefit El Paso than it will any other city. Oil in commercial quantities at Pecos will mean millions of added wealth to El Paso. It will give El Paso the highest and best boost the city ever had.

Personally, I believe that El Paso is due the biggest surprise it has experienced in the course of its history. I have often said that El Paso is a city of destiny. I believe that it is. Its entire history has been one of destiny. Why a city of destiny, I do not know, and it is not important to undertake to analyze or explain in details. It is a fact, though, that El Paso has never yet apparently drained the limit of its concentration, that something has not happened to give it a big new start and a big new boost.

Why Wasn't It Discovered?
Now, if there is oil in big quantities at Pecos, why didn't they discover it before?

Why didn't they discover it before? Somebody was first in every field. That is one answer. Another is that the Pecos field is in reality a very old discovery. It has been known to geologists as a most alluring oil field since long before the Indians and the buffalo disappeared from the plains. But you can easily meet a man any

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How Do They Know?
How is it that men who know that oil in great pools, oceans of it, sometimes, lies beneath the crusts of the earth, awaiting the day when it shall be tapped and brought to the surface for the convenience, the comfort and the enrichment of those who study the handiwork of the Creator who made all things well.

Did the Creator, in His wisdom, store away in the bottom of the earth oil and gas and precious minerals, to give employment to men of curious minds throughout the centuries? It would seem so. Man has taken from the rocks and from the soils of the earth its hidden treasures almost since the dawn of time.

Some Things to Think Of.
What are these evidences that even the average man may readily appreciate and understand? In California's great oil fields there are gas wells, a sulphur field, and a salt creek. In Tampico, there are gas wells, a sulphur field, and a salt creek. In the Pecos field, there are gas wells, a sulphur field, and a salt creek. It is the same in East Texas, the same in Sicily, the same in Rumania. And the sulphur field lies northwest of the oil field. In every big oil field in the world, the sulphur field lies northwest of the oil field.

Gas comes from nothing but oil, sulphur comes from nothing but oil, and the salt water is a component part of the oil field. Your gas escaping in the form of sulphur, and the stores of oil lie beneath the crust of the earth. If there was no vent, the top of the earth would sooner or later be blown off; the oil structure would be destroyed, and there would be no oil field where once there was.

DEEP HOLE AT DICKENS.
Dickens county, Texas, claims the distinction of having the deepest test hole ever drilled in north Texas. It was put down not far from the town of Spur and was 4325 feet deep.

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NEW YORKER LEASES OIL LANDS NEAR VAL VERDE

E. H. B. Green, of New York, has leased 100 sections of the Whitehead ranch, in Val Verde county, 35 miles below Secor, and has already contracted to have five deep wells drilled. One standard derrick has already been set up; water pipes laid for five miles and trucks are hauling rig materials, cables, tools, etc., from Del Rio to the site. It is expected that well will be spudded in by April 1. Green is the son of the late Hettie Green.

DRILLING COMMENCES.

Drilling has been commenced on the McCoy test on the Sunshine ranch, six miles north of Dayton in southeastern Dickens county, Texas.

KOREAN COUNCIL TRANSMITS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Advocates to the State Department here from Vladivostok state that the Korean national council at Nikolai, on the Ussuri river, Siberia, has transmitted to all countries the declaration of its independence.

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OIL DEVELOPMENT BEGINS WITH ERECTION OF DERRICK

From Harrold, Tex., come reports of oil development in Wilbarger county. The Pope Oil Co. has a 36 foot standard derrick on section 32, two and a half miles southeast of Harrold. The Pope Oil Co. was to have a derrick on subdivision 25 of the Waggoner colony this week. The Harrold Oil Co. has bought a standard rig to be put up on section 28, three miles southeast of Harrold. The Minniscott Southern Oil syndicate is getting in standard tools for drilling on section 25, one and a half miles north of Harrold.

DEEP TEST TO BE MADE NEAR TOWN OF STANTON

The first deep test is to be made in the Stanton, Tex., section. The derrick has been unloaded for this well, which is to be drilled on the Brunson ranch, south of Stanton.

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